MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1991

AT THE OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE
HIGHLAND, INDIANA

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Chairperson Arlene Colvin
2. Recognition of Visitors, Guests
3. Approval of minutes of May 2nd meeting
4. Executive Director's Report
   - Staffing Report
     - Introduction of summer intern - Dave Stratman from I.U. Bloomington
   - Solicitation of Project Engineering consultant
     - Report on submissions (June 3rd deadline)
     - Outline of process/time frame to select firm
   - Report on status of Wicker Park Manor interim protection project
   - State Highway Projects - Meeting on June 18th
     - Grant St. bridge, Indpls. Blvd. bridge, I-80/94 crossing
     - Indianaplis Blvd. bridge cleaning
5. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Finance/Policy Committee - Clyde Baughard, Treasurer
   • Financial status report
   • Approval of claims for May, 1991
   • Other issues

B. Legislative Committee - George Carlson, Chairman
   • Federal Budget Status - House Appropriations committee
   • State Legislative update
     1991-93 biennium budget
   • Other issues

C. Interim Flood Relief Projects Report - Clyde Baughard, Chairman
   • Conrail R.R. Culverts Project
     Revised bid specifications for rebidding
   • Erie R.R. Bridge
     Bridge removal/pier removal quotes
   • Other issues

D. Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Charles Agnew, Chairman
   • Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m.
   • Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
   • Other issues - Dan Gardner
     > Guidelines for real estate acquisition and claiming of credits for local sponsor
     > Plans & Specs for 1st phase construction received from Corps & now available in office

E. Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Bill Tanke, Chairman
   • Surplus sand removal bid report - opened May 28th
   • Status of joint-venture agreement between LCRBDC/ city of Portage for marina development
   • Other issues

6. Statements to Board from the floor

7. Set date for next meeting, adjournment
Chairperson Arlene Colvin called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Eight (8) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

William Tanke
Clyde Baughard
Dave Springman
Nathaniel Leonard
George Carlson
Steve Davis
Arlene Colvin
Chuck Agnew

Visitors:

Harold Mauger - Gary
Pete & M.J.Zak-S. Shore Marina
Nick Elibpeuby - Eller
Construction, Gary
Mike Vander Heyden - Dyer
Construction
Jerry Castle - Castle Estates, Munster
Richard Bundy - Salmon Unltd.
Herb Read - Porter Cty. IWLA
Dick Wawrzyniak - DNR
Bob Huffman - Munster
Bill Leets - Hobart
Herb Lasser - Attorney
John Bach - Highland
Rich Galambos - Lake County Councilman
Mike Hartigan - McDonough
John Maniscallo - IAE, Gary
Rama Talluri - IAE, Gary

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the April 4th meeting; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner introduced a new part time employee with the Development Commission, Betty Burrus. Betty is retired from the Corps of Engineers and has experience with land acquisition with the National Park Service. Mr. Gardner also indicated the Commission will have a summer intern student from I.U. Bloomington working for three months.

Discussion was held on the procurement of a consulting engineering firm to oversee the Corps construction of the flood control/recreation project. Since the Commission members or staff cannot be on the site during construction, it is important that the Commission has a qualified project engineer who will
have the Commission's best interest in mind and report back to the Board. There have been numerous firms who have expressed interest. George Carlson made a motion for the Commission to advertise and send out a "request for qualifications" from interested firms; motion seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Clyde Baughard presented the financial status report for April as well as the claims. Mr. Baughard made a motion to approve the pending claims; motion seconded by Dave Springman; motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson referred to the newspaper article contained in the agenda packet stating the Federal budget currently contains $6.5 million in federal funds for the project this year. He also stated that a state budget has not been approved yet. A special session will be called by the Governor in the near future. A state budget must be adopted by July 1. The Commission has requested $3 million from this biennium. Staff has been in communication with budget staff. It does not look like the Commission will receive more than $2 million. Mr. Gardner stated that the Commission could still stay on schedule this year with the Corps with only that amount.

Mr. Carlson referred to the letter in the packet addressed to Frank Sullivan of the Budget Agency requesting to be placed on the agenda of their next regular meeting. The purpose is to obtain approval to make available to the Commission for claim drawdown the $2 million unallocated appropriation from the 87/89 budget.

Interim Flood Control Committee - Mr. Baughard reported that there were no bids received on the Conrail culvert enlargement project. Engineering firm Tenney Pavoni is modifying specifications and the project will be re-bid. The modifications are slight and will not require Conrail's re-approval.

Mr. Baughard reported that several firms have expressed interest in removing the old Erie RR bridge or the piers underneath it. Mr. Carlson made a motion that staff solicit quotes from at least three firms; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. Separate quotes would be asked for - one quote being for pier removal only - the second quote for entire bridge removal.

Mr. Carlson referred to a letter received from the Highland Public Works Director requesting the Commission's assistance in effectuating a cleanup at Indianapolis Blvd. bridge and Erie RR
bridge. Although the town attempted to pull some of the debris out from the bridges, they do not have the proper equipment to do an effective job. Bob Lamprecht from Civil Defense has contacted the State Highway Dept. to clean Indpls. Staff will also write a letter requesting cleanup also. Discussion was held on the timely coordination of reconstructing the Indpls. bridge the same time as the Indianapolis interchange reconstruction takes place.

**Land Acquisition/Management Committee** - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew informed the Commission that quit claim deeds were received on needed properties from the Lake County Commissioners. A letter was sent to the INDOT requesting inter-agency transfer of needed properties from them. He also reported that staff had requested a transfer of lots needed from Gary; however, the Gary Public Works wants to give permanent easement on those lots instead of quit claim deeds. Mr. Agnew made a motion that authorizing staff to request the transfer of permanent easements from the 65 lots needed in Oak Park Second Addition and Harrison Street Plat from the city of Gary; motion seconded by Bill Tanke; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew informed Commission that two quotes were received to install tile in the maintenance building at Lake Etta. One quote was for $1,525 from Carpetland and the other was for $1,689 from Master Tile & Carpet. Mr. Agnew made a motion to authorize the Lake County Park Dept. to accept the bid from Carpetland and lay the tile; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. It was also stated that the County Park Dept. could pay for landscaping themselves and the Commission would accept the cost on the tiling.

Mr. Agnew made a motion authorizing the attorney to file condemnation proceedings on DC107 (Carrie Lee Wilson - .07 acres in CT&L 2nd Oak Park Addition) and DC109 (Dennis Brinson - .07 acres in CT&L 2nd Oak Park Addition); motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. Both properties are needed in the first phase levee segment construction.

Mr. Agnew then made a motion authorizing attorney to start quiet title to clear title on county properties included on Commissioners' deeds that were transferred to us; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew announced that Dan Gardner attended a meeting in Indianapolis before the DNR permits board relative to the Commission obtaining a permit for construction in a floodway. DNR forms will be completed as soon as possible and sent out upon completion.
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Marina/Breakwaters Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke
gave the marina report. He referred to the Memorandum of
Understanding between the Development Commission and the City of
Portage. The document says the Commission and the city will work
toward a joint venture agreement in which both parties will
design, construct, operate and maintain a public access marina,
launch lanes and ancillary facilities pursuant to the LCA upon
land owned by the Commission. The document was signed and mailed
to the Corps. Mr. Tanke made a motion to ratify the agreement;
seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Lasser
questioned the date of the agreement; it should be dated April
29, 1991 for the record.

Mr. Tanke also reported that a notice for sand removal bids has
gone out; bids are due in May 28th. Hopefully, by the next
meeting, we will have found someone to remove the sand - at no
cost to the Commission.

Mr. Tanke stated the attorney will begin the process to vacate
Crisman Road.

Statements from the floor - Herb Read, IWLA, requested copies of
the bid package for sand removal and for the project engineer.
He also questioned the memo of understanding in which it refers
to other land which the parties deem necessary to fulfill said
obligation. The attorney stated the document refers to marina
development on Commission property only.

Rich Galambos stated as past chairman of the Basin Commission, he
is disappointed we did not receive any bids on the Conrail
culvert enlargement project. He urged Commission to make
whatever modifications were necessary and re-bid the project. He
also requested the Commission's investigation into the
controversial J-Pit area where water is being pumped out and
draining into the river. He questioned the legality of it and
whether any permits were necessary or issued. Mr. Gardner stated
he would talk to IDEM and attempt to get something in writing.
He stated there has been significant improvements to the Gary
landfill.

Harold Mauger complained of river not going down as fast as it
used to at Calhoun Street, east of Clark Road. Chairperson
Arlene Colvin said she would look into it.

William Leets questioned whether the railroad would soon be an
abandoned railroad by Conrail. He understood that no more trains
would be on those tracks. If that were the case, there could be
significant changes made to the railroad specs - staff will check
with Congressman's office. He also stated that Deep River floods
faster now with all the development in Lake County.
Richard Bundy, speaking for himself, suggested using the small lake the Commission owns near Lake Etta east of Burr Street as a fish hatchery. Mr. Gardner informed him it is the intention of the Commission to add that property onto the development in order to expand Lake Etta and let the County Parks Dept. maintain it.

Mike Vander Heyden stated his company has just built and installed a pump at the J-Pit site in order to collect water so it does not get into J-Pit.

Bob Huffman, past chairman of the Basin Commission, stated his concern that a whole new process of obtaining a new permit from the Corps and DNR would have to be met if we completing modified specs to conclude that Conrail RR was abandoned. Stated it took 4 years to cut through all the red tape in order to get to the bidding stage now.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for June 6, 1991.

/sjm
The purpose of this memo and the meeting held Thursday, May 9th is to explore the current status and timeliness of required Indiana Department of Transportation highway projects with the Little Calumet River flood control/recreation project.

As you are aware, the long awaited Federal construction is beginning this July and will accelerate over the next 5 - 6 years totaling protecting the floodplain area of the river from the Illinois State Line to approximately Martin Luther King Drive in Gary. The construction of the river system and drainage ditches to support that system require close coordination with the Dept. of Transportation as well as several bridge projects that cross the river.

The three most pressing issues that need immediate attention are:

(1) Investigation and procuring of an emergency cleaning and clearing of obstructions under the Indianapolis Blvd. bridge to allow adequate flow. This emergency has been brought to our attention by the Lake County Civil Defense Director and the town of Highland and we need pursuing the earliest possible date to cleaning the bridge.

(2) Identification of funding and project design for the improvement crossing under the Borman Expressway at I80/94 just east of Georgia Street in Gary. This project is of paramount importance because this stretch of the river is the first stretch where
new levees will be constructed - beginning this July for the next 2 - 3 years. The river crossing improvement needs to be closely coordinated with these levees or potential major impacts to the Borman will be created.

(3) The third critical project is the phasing of the bridge improvements of Indianapolis Blvd. over the Little Calumet River in conjunction with the interchange reconstruction of the Indianapolis Blvd. and the Borman. We have heard that the bridge construction over the river has slipped in timing to 1995. We feel this also could cause potential inconsistencies of the two projects and further disruptions of traffic if not coordinated with the interchange reconstruction.

We recommend these be addressed at the earliest time possible and stand ready to work with you and the Corps of Engineers to achieve a coordinated approach.

cc: Don Abraham, INDOT
Beldon McPherson, Corps of Engineers
Robert Lamprecht, Lake Co. Civil Defense
State asks for help in Highland

Flood protection plan being offered

By Tim Zorn
Staff writer

HIGHLAND — A state government official will ask today for federal money to provide flood protection in Highland's Wicker Park Manor area.

The plan calls for raising the earthen bank along the Little Calumet River at the subdivision's north end, and building a temporary floodgate along Indianapolis Boulevard.

The top of the raised embankment would be 2 feet above the river's flood stage, qualifying it as a levee.

The project would cost an estimated $650,000 to $1 million, according to Les Miller, executive assistant to Gov. Evan Bayh.

Jerome Hauer, head of the State Emergency Management Agency, will testify today before a House of Representatives subcommittee about the project.

He will ask that it be funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as an emergency measure, Miller said.

Late last November, the Little Calumet River poured through a low spot west of Indianapolis Boulevard, flowed across the road and flooded 272 homes in Wicker Park Manor, a subdivision on Highland's north side.

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Early this year, the state built a temporary dike along a former railroad embankment west of Indianapolis Boulevard.

However, the Indianapolis Boulevard bridge is still vulnerable to flooding. In the past, Hammond and Highland crews have placed sandbags across the roadway when the river flooded over the bridge.

The plan proposed by the state includes a "closure structure" — probably a gate with removable panels — along Indianapolis Boulevard.

"I don't know if we want to rely on sandbagging," said John Simpson, director of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Division of Water.

If the project is funded and completed, it would take Wicker Park Manor out of Highland's flood plain, Miller said.

That, in turn, would remove that area from flood plain building restrictions, which include a requirement that any new or substantially rebuilt structure's first floor be at least 2 feet above the flood level.

The Army Corps of Engineers is planning to build a new series of levees and water retention areas along the Little Calumet River, but that work isn't expected to reach Highland for several more years.

The state's proposed project would be a temporary measure, Miller said.

Hauer is to testify today before a subcommittee of the House Committee on Public Works and Transportation.
Bayh wants dike raised at Wicker Park Manor

By RADA INDIJICH
Times Staff Writer

HIGHLAND - Gov. Evan Bayh on Tuesday called for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to raise the dike surrounding the Wicker Park Manor subdivision, an area devastated by a flood last year, as soon as possible so the area is no longer considered a floodplain.

If that happens, none of the homeowners will be required to carry federal flood insurance, nor will they be required to elevate their homes. It also means that a federal buyout application, known as Section 1362, automatically will be scrapped.

"The governor is asking the corps to make the construction of the levee a priority," said Les Miller, executive assistant to Bayh.

Bayh's recommendation comes after a study by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources showed that the dike could withstand an additional 2 feet of soil or erection of steel pilings to raise the dike, Miller said.

The study shows raising the dike could cost from $650,000 to $1 million, said Miller. He said Bayh will work with Rep. Peter Viscosky, D-Ind., to get the dike raised by the corps.

"There is no question that rehabilitation or reconstruction of the existing levee is the best way to help the most people we can," said Bayh.

Miller said he does not know when the corps will respond to Bayh's request.

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Officials will huddle over raising Wicker Manor dike

BY RADA INDJICH
Times Staff Writer

HIGHLAND — Representatives of local, state and federal agencies and Rep. Peter Vislosky’s office will meet Tuesday in Indianapolis to discuss raising the dike that surrounds the Wicker Park Manor subdivision, an area devasted by a flood nearly six months ago.

Last week Gov. Evan Bayh called for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to raise the dike as soon as possible so that the area is no longer considered a floodplain.

Jerry Hauer, director of the State Emergency Management Agency, said the meeting will include his agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Vislosky’s office.

"We’ll review the project and its feasibility," Hauer said.

If the dike is raised to meet federal standards, none of the subdivision’s homeowners will be required to carry federal flood insurance, nor will they be required to elevate their homes. It also means that a federal buyout application, known as Section 1362, automatically will be scrapped.

Bayh’s recommendation came after a study by the IDNR showed that the dike could withstand an additional 2 feet of soil or erection of steel pilings to raise it. The study estimates the cost at between $650,000 and $1 million.

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TO: Frank DeRisi, District Engineer  
Indiana Department of Transportation

FROM: Dan Gardner, Executive Director

DATE: May 9, 1991

SUBJECT: Little Calumet River Project Relationship to Indiana Department of Transportation Projects

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House panel OKs funds for area water projects

By RADA INDICH, Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — A House Appropriations Subcommittee Thursday approved Rep. Peter Visclosky's request for $8.72 million for water projects in northwest Indiana. A bigger appropriation is the first step in a long process. The appropriation must now survive the committee, the House and the Senate. Until an appropriation bill is signed into law, that figure could be changed or eliminated.

The largest chunk of money approved by the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development is $6.5 million. That money is earmarked for use in the $92.3 million Little Calumet River Flood Control Project.

I have made clear to the Appropriations Committee that every possible effort must be made to complete this project in an accelerated time frame to avoid further loss of life. $11.8 million in average annual flood damage and further disruption of people's lives," said Visclosky. "The approval also included Visclosky's request for $370,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers to continue design work on the Cady Marsh Ditch Project, which affects Griffith and Highland.

"Also approved was $330,000 so the corps can complete an engineering report to remove the sediment in Hobart's Lake George."

Other budget requests that received approval are:
- $701,000 to replace damaged stone on the north breakwater at Burns Waterway Harbor.
- $535,000 for a continuation of efforts to design a confined disposal site for dredgings from the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal.
- $122,000 to monitor beach nourishment and conduct surveys of breakwater conditions at the Burns Waterway small boat harbor.
- $138,000 to perform condition surveys of breakwater structures and sedimentation surveys at the Michigan City harbor.
- $22,000 for revetment monitoring at Beverly Shores.
1. As outlined by the provisions of the LCA, all lands and right-of-way acquisitions and relocation of displace persons and property will follow the provisions of the "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970" (Public Law 91-646).

2. Acquisition of lands and rights-of-way: Acquisition must be in accordance with Title III of Public Law 91-646 which requires, among other things, that owners be furnished the proper notice of intention to acquire, that the property be appraised, that the owner be furnished a written summary of the amount of the appraisal and the sponsor's offer, and that negotiations be expeditious.

3. Appraisers and appraisals: Appraisers used by the sponsor must be qualified and approved in advance by the District's Real Estate Division. The appraisals should be prepared in a narrative form or other form approved by the Corps, depending on the circumstances and the type of property being appraised. The appraisal should contain all the pertinent supporting data required to sustain the appraiser's final conclusion of market value and should reflect the appraiser's reasoning and the principal techniques and approaches employed. Insofar, as possible, appraisals should conform to the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions (1973). All appraisals must be reviewed and approved by the Government.

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   a. A landowners meeting will be held by the sponsor to advise landowners and other interested parties of the project and its effect on the community.

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      Written notice of intent to acquire.
      
      Appraisal and review.
      
      Preliminary opinion on title.
      
      Sponsor's written notice of appraisal and offer.
      
      Offer to Purchase.
      
      Deed.
      
      Final opinion on title.
      
      Invoices for appraisal and legal services, and direct costs of sponsor.
      
      Statement regarding disposition of improvements, salvage values which offset acquisition costs.

   b. **Claims in connection with relocation assistance (if applicable)**:
      
      Determination of comparable replacement housing, which established replacement housing payment.
      
      Copies of invoices and/or statements for costs and expenses incurred in purchase, construction and rehabilitation of replacement housing.
      
      Moving cost estimates, invoices, certified inventories for commercial moves.
      
      Claim signed by displaced person with attachments supporting claim.
      
      Deed or Lease to replacement property.
      
      Narrative explanation of any unusual circumstances bearing on approval of claim.
      
      Record of contacts with displaced person, business, etc.

   c. **Payment for sponsor's services and credits must be customary and reasonable**.

7. **Financial Records**: Accurate financial records must be kept for verification of claims by audit. This includes records of time and expenditures of sponsor kept in sufficient detail to verify as direct costs for the project.
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
111 NORTH CANAL STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606-7208

June 3, 1991

Project Management

Mr. James H. Luken
Senior Vice President
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Sincerely,

[Signature]
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District Engineer

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Mr. Dan Gardner
Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
8149 Kennedy Avenue
Highland, Indiana 46322
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT
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Regional Report

Flood relief rolling toward Little Cal region

Long-awaited plan to aid land values, parks

By SANDRA PESMEN

For the past 25 years, whenever Greg Price showed homes near the Little Calumet River in Highland, Ind., he braced for the inevitable: Potential buyers would look at the waterway and ask about flooding.

"They usually asked the owner directly if the river ever came up over the bank," said Mr. Price, general manager of Highland-based Price Realtors Inc.

"And it's hard to hide water if it's been in the property because it leaves watermarks on walls and has its way with finished basements. Of course, that's affected property values in certain areas."

That problem—among others—is expected to come to an end as the $91.4 million Little Calumet River Flood Control/Recreation Project finally gets under way along the river's floodplain, which roughly parallels Interstates 80 and 94 from the Illinois/Indiana state line to Martin Luther King Drive in Gary.

"We envision an area like the Cook County Forest Preserve system, with lots of rivers, streams, floodway lands and preserves providing swimming, boating and fishing in active recreation pockets every four to five miles along the river," Mr. Gardner said. "Over time, we hope to also hold festivals and events in those parks."
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Chairman: Allen C. Calix Location:

Date: 6-6-91
Project Management

Mr. Dan Gardner
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
8149 Kennedy Avenue
Highland, Indiana 46322

Subject: Little Calumet River Flood Control Project

Dear Mr. Gardner:

This letter is in response to your recent request for an evaluation of the effect of the abandoned Erie and Lackawanna Railroad bridge west of Indianapolis Blvd. in Highland, Indiana on the flow of the Little Calumet River.

Please be advised that the structure itself does not present a major impediment to flow. It is important however that the supporting structure be periodically inspected and cleared of accumulated debris which can cause blockage of flow depending upon it's type and quantity.

Should you have any questions please contact Mr. Beldon McPheron, Project Manager at (312) 353-8809.

Sincerely,

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Copy Furnished:

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Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
8149 Kennedy Avenue
Highland, Indiana 46322
ENGINEERING PROPOSALS RECEIVED

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2. E. Bentley Associates, Inc., Lansing, IN
3. Butler, Fairman and Seufert Inc., Merrillville, IN
4. Cole Associates, Merrillville, IN
5. IAE Inc. Consulting Engineers, Gary, IN
6. McDonough Associates, Hammond, IN
7. McMahon Associates, Inc., Valparaiso, IN
8. North-West Engineering company, Gary, IN
9. Weston Designers/Consultants, Vernon Hills, IL
10. Clyde E. Williams & Associates, Inc., South Bend, IN